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| 9. | Ralivagu | Approved | 2007-08 |
| 10. | Gollavagu | Approved | 2007 -08 |
| 11. | Peddavagu near Jagannathpur | Approved | 2008-09. |
| 12. | Komaram Bheem | Approved | 2008-09 |
| 13. | Mathadivagu | Approved | 2007 -08 |
| 14. | Modikuntavagu | Unapproved | 2009-10 |
| 15. | Kinnerasani (1.5 TMC part of Kinnerasani project) | Unapproved | 2009-10 |
| 16. | Palemvagu | Approved | 2007-08 |
| 17. | Choutapally Hanumanthareddy | Unapproved | 2008-09 |

**Voted and charged budget estimates**

*48. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of voted and charged BEs and REs of the last three years;

(b) the financial year-wise details of the Voted and Charged components of the Supplementary Demands for Grants during last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the charged component has increased over the years; and

(d) if so, reasons therefor and measures to alter the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The details of voted and charged Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates of the last 3 years are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

| Financial Year | Budget Estimates | | Revised Estimates | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charged | Voted | Charged | Voted |
| 2004-05 | 522378.55 | 339299.91 | 693264.17 | 345120.94 |
| 2005-06 | 767678.08 | 384843.50 | 1192373.71 | 398600.21 |
| 2006-07 | 1280587.12 | 448109.43 | 1631966.29 | 503688.79 |

(b) The details of the Voted and Charged components of the Supplementary Demands for Grants for last three years are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

| Financial Year | Charged | Voted |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 181491.16 | 26400.38 |
| 2005-06 | 425495.21 | 38170.56 |
| 2006-07 | 355506.12 | 100523.53 |

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The rise in charged expenditure is mainly due to the increase in — (i) Interest Payments; (ii) Repayment of Debt and (iii) Grants-in-aid to State Governments, in terms of the award of the 12th Finance Commission. Government has been following a comprehensive strategy to moderate the debt/liabilities which, *inter-alia*, include reduction of fiscal deficit in a phased manner, as mandated by Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003, various debt restructuring measures, general policy on bench marking of administered interest rate etc. It may be observed that while Interest Payments and Repayment of Debt has shown an increase in absolute terms during the last 3 years upto 2006-07, the interest burden both as a proportion of total expenditure and as percentage of GDP has actually come down during the said period.

**Aid to industrial units at Kutch, Gujarat**

*49. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 756 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2006 and state:

(a) the details of relevant factors which have compelled Government not to grant any further extension of the time limit beyond 31st December, 2005 to units located at Kutch in Gujarat; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to help at least the pipeline cases and the industrial units which are being set up in this remote drought prone area and could not get the benefit of excise duty exemption?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Following earthquake in Kutch region of Gujarat in January, 2001, Government had, on 31st July, 2001 extended an excise duty exemption scheme for new units to be set up in the Kutch district of Gujarat. The intention was to attract immediate fresh investment so as to help employment generation. To ensure time bound investments, a time period of two years was initially prescribed for establishing new units for being eligible for the exemption.

Subsequently, Government had received requests for seeking extension of the time period for setting up of new units. Taking into consideration these representations, Government has thrice extended the time limit for setting up new units as under:

- First, from 31st July, 2003 to 31st July, 2004,
- Second, from 31st July, 2004 to 31st December, 2004 and